

## Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office

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Lance D. Gaebe, Commissioner

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From: Gerry Fisher, Administrator  
Re: **2014 K-12 School's Infrastructure Grant Round**

On behalf of the Board of University and School Lands (Land Board), I am writing to inform you the Energy Impact Office will begin accepting grant applications from North Dakota K-12 public school districts for assistance with the direct impacts from oil and gas development.

This grant round is being initiated earlier than previously scheduled in recognition of the needs expressed by many school districts. Significant student population growth is recognized as a direct impact on school districts and communities.

This K-12 grant round will focus on school district projects for onetime funding to address the needs including: teacher housing, temporary portable classrooms, modifying or repurposing existing space for more efficient use, impact related professional development training, vital technology needs, facility security and infrastructure projects.

The Land Board has reserved \$9.5 million for this grant round. Preference will be given to non-hub city school districts, which do not receive enhanced Gross Production Tax formula distributions. **Applications will be accepted through June 18, 2014**

### **Guidelines For K-12 School Energy Impact Grant Applications:**

1. K-12 Infrastructure needs and improvements necessary as a direct result of oil and gas development impacts
2. Priority will be given to projects that will be implemented in preparation for the 2014-2015 school year
3. Emphasis will be given to projects to address safety and security needs
4. A 20% local cost-share of the total project cost is expected
5. Schools located in oil producing counties receive priority ranking.

Application forms and lists of required documentation are available on the Energy Impact Grant web site: [www.nd.gov/energyimpact](http://www.nd.gov/energyimpact). This internet location offers two ways to prepare an application 1) a PDF form that can be filled-in and printed, or 2) a MS Word version of the application that can be completed on-screen. Applications should include a narrative description of how or why the school qualifies based on each of the guidelines above.

Completed applications and supporting materials can be mailed to the Energy Impact Office at the address above or e-mailed to [energyimpact@nd.gov](mailto:energyimpact@nd.gov).

Grant applications will be reviewed and evaluated by an advisory committee which will make recommendations to the Land Board, which will determine the final grant awards. School construction projects should be submitted through the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction.

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